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### REMARKS

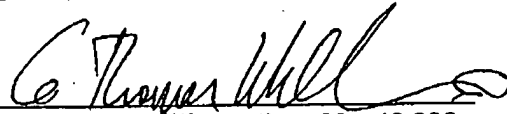
The following remarks are responsive to the Office Action mailed August 16, 2004, Paper No. 4. Claims 1-23 were in the application as filed. Claims 1-4, 6-9, 12-17 and 20-22 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 5 and 23 have been amended herein to call for the allowable subject matter indicated by the Examiner in the August 16, 2004, Office Action and should be allowable as amended. Remaining dependent claims 10-11 and 18-19 and new dependent claims 24-27 which reflect the subject matter of claims 10-11 and 18-19 depend from allowable subject matter and should be allowable as well.

### CONCLUSION

All claims remaining in this application are patentable. Early notice of allowability is respectfully requested. Any questions concerning the foregoing may be directed to the undersigned.

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